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GABRIEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. SAMUEL MANNARINO, AKA. AR. PITTSBURGH TEL AUGUST EIGHTEEN LAST. INTERVIEW JOSEPH R. MEROLA PRIOR TO HIS INCARCERATION AND ARRANGE SUITABLE COVER FOR FUTURE MEROLA SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE TOP ECHELON CONTACTS. CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM BECAUSE HE IS GOING TO PRISON. EXPEDITE CONTACT WITH MEROLA.

Joseph R. Merola was interviewed August 15 and 16 Tast in Miami by two Special Agents from the Pittsburgh Division and two Attorneys from the Department. Merola furnished detailed information concerning the Mannarinos and other information concerning thefts and burglaries. Pittsburgh being instructed to insure that future contacts may be made with Merola.

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Mr. Tolson Mr. Belmont. Mr. Mohr.

Mr. Gallahan.

RE GABRIEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. SAMUEL MANNARINO, AKA, AR. AUGUST SEVENTEEN, LAST. PITTSBURGH PREPARING LETTERHEAD MEMO ON INFO FURNISHED BY JOSEPH R. MEROLA. ONE MEMO WILL DEAL WITH INFO ABOUT MANNARINOS AND SEPARATE
SEOND SERWARTS MEMORANDA TO BE MADE FOR INFO RECEIVED CONCERNING OTHER CASES INVOLVING THEFTS AND BURGLARIES. COPIES WILL BE MADE FOR ALL INTERESTED OFFICES. SINCE MEROLA WILL NOT TESTIFY AND INFO WILL NOT BE USED IN EVIDENCE FD THREE ZERO TWO FORMS WILL NOTEBE MADE. MEMORANDA WILL REACH BUREAU BY AUGUST TWENTYFOUR, NEXT. SAS, JOHN S. PORTELLA AND THOMAS G. FORSYTH BELIEVE INFO FURNISHED BY MEROLA TO BE OF GREAT VALUE IN CLEARING UP UNSOLVED THEFTS, IDENTIFYING FENCES AND EXPLAINING METHODS AND MEANS USED. ALSO INFO CONFIRMS MUCH ALREADY KNOWN CONCERNING BACKGROUND, ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF MANNARINOS AND GIVES SOME NEW LEADS WHICH CAN BE EXPLORED. SINCE MEROLA IS NOW AT ODDS WITH MANNARINOS AND MEROLA IS DUE TO COMMENCE PRÍSON SENTENCE AUGUST TWENTYFIVE, NEXT, IT IS NOT BELIEVED HE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANT PROGRAM AT THIS TIME BUT SHOULD BE CON-SIDERED FOR INCLUSION AT OR SHORTLY BEFORE RELEASE. CORR PLS FIRST-FOUR LETTERS XXWDS IN-LINE FOUR SHD BE * ABOUT MANNARINOS AND SEPARATE

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